

Senate on April 12, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5738. A communication from the Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's decision to enter into a contract with a private security screening company to provide screening services at Greater Rochester International Airport, Rochester, NY, Tupelo Regional Airport, Tupelo, MS and Key West International Airport, Key West, FL; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5739. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Certified Business Enterprise Expenditures of Public-Private Development Construction Projects for Fiscal Year 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5740. A communication from the Rules Administrator, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inmate Communication with News Media: Removal of Byline Regulations" (RIN1120-AB49) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2012; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-70. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona urging Congress to adopt the measures and policies contained in the Save Arizona's Forest Environment (SAFE) Plan and provide for a temporary emergency suspension of the requirement to perform National Environmental Policy Act studies; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL No. 1001

To the Congress of the United States of America:

Your memorialist respectfully represents:

Whereas, the State of Arizona, its citizens and its communities have drastically suffered from catastrophic wildfires that devastated more than 850,000 acres of wildlife habitat, watersheds, timber, livestock forage and private property; and

Whereas, the water and air pollution from these catastrophic wildfires have negatively impacted human health and have endangered species and the human environment; and

Whereas, millions more acres of Arizona's forest lands face the threat of future catastrophic wildfires.

Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of Representatives concurring, prays:

1. That the United States Congress adopt the measures and policies contained in the Save Arizona's Forest Environment (SAFE) Plan and provide for a temporary emergency suspension of the requirement to perform National Environmental Policy Act studies on forest thinning and timber and forage management activities in Arizona's forest lands that have suffered from or are threatened by future catastrophic wildfires.

2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit a copy of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-71. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona urging Congress to adequately fund the United States Forest Service in order to properly manage forests and grasslands and prohibit the Forest Service from acquiring and managing additional lands until the Forest Service demonstrates its ability to properly manage and protect forests; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL No. 1003

To the Congress of the United States of America:

Your memorialist respectfully represents:

Whereas, the United States Congress established the United States Forest Service in 1905 to provide quality water and timber for the nation's benefit; and

Whereas, over the years, the United States Congress has directed the United States Forest Service to manage more national forests and grasslands; and

Whereas, the President's fiscal year 2012 budget increased funding for land acquisition by \$26,360,000; and

Whereas, the President's fiscal year 2012 budget reduced funding for the Wildland Fire Management by \$396,675,000; and

Whereas, the President's fiscal year 2012 budget reduced budgeting for the FLAME Wildfire Suppression Reserve Fund by \$97,114,000; and

Whereas, in 2011, the total number of acres consumed by wildland fires on Arizona lands that are managed by the United States Forest Service was 878,540 out of the total of 981,189 acres that were burned in Arizona that year; and

Whereas, the United States Forest Service has existed for more than 100 years with the express purpose of managing public forests and grasslands; and

Whereas, the mission of the United States Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity and productivity of the nation's forests and grassland.

Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of Representatives concurring, prays:

1. That the United States Congress adequately fund the United States Forest Service in order to properly manage forests and grasslands.

2. That the United States Congress prohibit the United States Forest Service from acquiring and managing additional lands until the Forest Service demonstrates its ability to properly manage and protect forests.

3. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the Chief of the United States Forest Service, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-72. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona urging Congress to enact legislation making monies collected under the federal gas tax immediately available to the individual states to fund their transportation needs; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL No. 2004

To the Congress of the United States and the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation:

Your memorialist respectfully represents:

Whereas, the United States Department of Transportation was established by an act of Congress on October 15, 1966, and the department's first official day of operation was April 1, 1967; and

Whereas, the mission of the department is to "serve the United States by ensuring a

fast, safe, efficient, accessible and convenient transportation system that meets our vital national interests and enhances the quality of life of the American people, today and into the future"; and

Whereas, the main mission of the department has largely been fulfilled by the completion of the federal interstate highway system; and

Whereas, state and local governments are faced with difficult decisions regarding local transportation needs on a continuing and ever-increasing basis; and

Whereas, the federal motor fuel taxes charged to the citizens of Arizona are needlessly sent to the federal government before being returned to the state government; and

Whereas, federal restrictions, mandates and spending requirements prevent the citizens of Arizona from setting their own transportation priorities.

Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

1. That the United States Congress enact legislation making monies collected under the federal gas tax immediately available to the individual states to fund their transportation needs.

2. That the United States Congress enact legislation to cease the collection of motor fuel taxes in Arizona so that this state can collect and distribute the taxes without the delay caused by federal collection and disbursement.

3. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-73. A joint memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of New Mexico requesting a Congressional resolution requesting the United States postal service issue a commemorative stamp honoring the sesquicentennial anniversary of the battle of Glorieta pass in New Mexico and recognizing the importance of the battle; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL

Whereas, in January 1862, confederate General Henry Hopkins Sibley, with a brigade of two thousand six hundred Texans, invaded the territory of New Mexico with the intention of claiming the territory and the west for the confederacy; and

Whereas, the volunteers of the Texas confederate forces were victorious in defeating the union forces at the battle of Valverde on February 21, 1862, and shortly afterwards, on February 25, 1862, they captured Socorro, and on March 7, 1862, Albuquerque was captured; and

Whereas, the confederate forces captured Santa Fe on March 10, 1862, the capital having been moved earlier by the New Mexico territorial governor, the honorable Henry Connelly, to Las Vegas, New Mexico; and

Whereas, following these battlefield successes, the Texas confederate forces planned to conquer Fort Union and then march to Colorado to take over the mines located there; and

Whereas, from there, the forces intended to form an alliance with the Mormons and together take over the gold fields of California, which would have provided much needed capital for the confederacy; and

Whereas, the conquest of California would have additionally provided two sorely needed ports, free of union blockades; and

Whereas, the fulfillment of their plans would have severed the western territories

from the Union and strengthened the position of the confederacy; and

Whereas, they next planned to take over the Mexican states of lower California, Sonora and Chihuahua, which had the potential to gain much needed recognition by foreign countries; and

Whereas, the Texas confederate forces were met in a skirmish and fought two battles with the union forces at Glorieta Pass on March 26 to 28, 1862; and

Whereas, even though the confederate forces were victorious in these two battles, they were forced to abandon their dream of taking over Fort Union and conquering the west when their supply of sixty to eighty wagons, loaded with weapons, medical supplies, food and blankets, was burned and four hundred mules and horses were captured by a contingent of United States regular army forces from Fort Union and volunteers from Colorado and New Mexico; and

Whereas, after this tremendous loss, the confederate Texans had no other choice but to abandon General Sibley's dream and retreat back to Santa Fe, then to Albuquerque and eventually out of New Mexico and back to Texas; and

Whereas, this turning point in the confederate campaign in New Mexico, the "battle of Glorieta pass", is referred to by some historians as "the Gettysburg of the west"; and

Whereas, although the loss of men killed, wounded or missing in the Civil War battles fought in New Mexico may seem insignificant compared to the carnage of the Civil War battles that were fought in the east and south, the importance and significance of this battle cannot be overstated, as the ultimate outcome helped hold the union together and assured its survival in what we now know as the United States of America; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the legislature of the State of New Mexico, That the New Mexico congressional delegation be requested to introduce a congressional resolution requesting the United States postal service to issue a commemorative stamp honoring the sesquicentennial anniversary of the battle of Glorieta pass in New Mexico and recognizing the importance of the battle of Glorieta pass; and be it further

Resolved, that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the president of the United States, the speaker of the United States house of representatives, the president of the United States senate, the members of the New Mexico congressional delegation, the secretary of the United States department of the interior, the postmaster general of the United States postal service and the non-profit organization, the friends of the Pecos national historical park.

POM-74. A resolution adopted by the Lauderdale Lakes City Commission, Lauderdale Lakes, Florida urging the public condemnation of President Bashar al-Assad of Syria and renouncing all genocidal regimes and the use of genocidal methods on civilian populations, including women, children and the elderly, in order to retain dictatorial power against repeated cries for freedom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 2293. A bill to establish a national, toll-free telephone parent helpline to provide in-

formation and assistance to parents and caregivers of children to prevent child abuse and strengthen families; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. WEBB):

S. 2294. A bill to provide for continued conservation efforts in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, increase energy production from animal waste, improve transparency of Federal restoration efforts, and expand agricultural opportunities to participate in State voluntary water quality credit trading programs; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. COONS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 2295. A bill to permit manufacturers of generic drugs to provide additional warnings with respect to such drugs in the same manner that the Food and Drug Administration allows brand names to do so; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 2296. A bill to amend the Higher Education Opportunity Act to restrict institutions of higher education from using revenues derived from Federal educational assistance funds for advertising, marketing, or recruiting purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. KIRK, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 2297. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to make any substance containing hydrocodone a schedule II drug; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BROWN of Ohio:

S. 2298. A bill to amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to improve the program of access to broadband telecommunications services in rural areas; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 2299. A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of civil relief to members of the uniformed services and to improve the enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of such members, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 2300. A bill to allow for a reasonable compliance deadline for certain States subject to the Cross State Air Pollution Rule; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KYL, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. Res. 424. A resolution condemning the mass atrocities committed by the Government of Syria and supporting the right of the people of Syria to be safe and to defend themselves; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WEBB (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. Res. 425. A resolution designating April 23, 2012, as "National Adopt a Library Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. Res. 426. A resolution congratulating the Lady Bears of Baylor University on winning the 2012 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Basketball Championship; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 714

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 714, a bill to reauthorize the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, and for other purposes.

S. 847

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 847, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed, and for other purposes.

S. 881

At the request of Mr. VITTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 881, a bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to assure meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 941

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 941, a bill to strengthen families' engagement in the education of their children.

S. 1039

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1039, a bill to impose sanctions on persons responsible for the detention, abuse, or death of Sergei Magnitsky, for the conspiracy to defraud the Russian Federation of taxes on corporate profits through fraudulent transactions and lawsuits against Hermitage, and for other gross violations of human rights in the Russian Federation, and for other purposes.

S. 1316

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1316, a bill to prevent a fiscal crisis by enacting legislation to balance the Federal budget through reductions of discretionary and mandatory spending.

S. 1575

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1575, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the depreciation recovery period for energy-efficient cool roof systems.